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Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt is a life-long resident of the Town of Islip, currently residing in East Islip with her husband and their three boys. Trish made the transition from journalist to Councilwoman in 2010. She brings with her a depth of knowledge on a myriad of issues facing town residents.

As an award-winning investigative journalist, Trish covered numerous stories that deeply affected our community, including an exposé of contaminated land on Long Island, an in-depth report on the drug problem plaguing our youth, and a moving segment on the valiant efforts of our uniformed men and women on September 11th. In addition, her hands-on experience as a street reporter brought her to the front lines of some of Islip's most pressing issues, including runaway taxes, crime, and the need for sustainable housing.

Trish sees that the quality of life on Long Island is, in many ways, dictated by governmental decisions made on the town level. As the newest member to the Islip Town Board, Trish brings fresh ideas to Town government. For example, widening our reach of geothermal technology and solar energy are among Trish's green energy priorities.

Councilwoman Bergin Weichbrodt grew up in Ronkonkoma and is a graduate of Connetquot High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts from New York Institute of Technology where she graduated Cum Laude, and she received a full scholarship to the school's Master's Program, where she earned a Master of Arts. As a journalist, she worked at News 12 Long Island, CBS, Inside Edition and Fox News Channel's Strategy Room.